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In the Claims:

1   1.   [Currently Amended]   A method for acquiring remote high
2   resolution photographs by a user using a streaming video as a view-finder,
3   comprising:
4   connecting a remote device to one or more photo-video acquisition
5   devices individually comprising a camera, wherein the remote device is
6   controlled by the user;
7   using a connected one of the cameras, generating a video of a scene
8   viewed using the respective camera;
9   acquiring a high resolution photograph from the remote device using the
10   video streamed from the one or more photo-video acquisition devices as a view-
11   finder; and
12   processing and transmitting the video and the high resolution photograph
13   obtained from the one or more photo-video acquisition devices; and
14   ~~wherein the acquiring comprises acquiring during the generating the video~~
15   ~~comprising originally capturing the video of the scene as viewed in real time~~
16   ~~using the respective camera.~~

1   2.   [Original]   The method of claim 1, wherein the connecting step
2   includes connecting the remote device to the one or more photo-video
3   acquisition devices through a network.

1   3.   [Original]   The method of claim 1, wherein the connecting step
2   includes connecting the remote device to the one or more photo-video
3   acquisition devices through a point-to-point connection.

1   4.   [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2   requesting payment information from a user who wishes to control the
3   one or more photo-video acquisition devices; and
4   enabling the user to control the one or more photo-video acquisition
5   devices from the remote device.

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1   5.   [Original] The method of claim 4, further comprising verifying the
2 payment information submitted by the user before enabling the user to control
3 the one or more photo-video acquisition devices.

1   6.   [Original] The method of claim 4, wherein the acquiring step
2 includes using a queue system to allow multiple users to control the one or more
3 photo-video acquisition devices.

1   7.   [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 storing the video and the high resolution photograph in a storage on a network
3 server.

1   8.   [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising sending the
2 video and the high resolution photograph to the user.

1   9.   [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising posting the
2 video and the high resolution photograph on a web page.

1   10.   [Original] The method of claim 9, further comprising
2   requesting payment information from a user who wishes to download the
3 video and the high resolution photograph from the web page; and
4   enabling the user to download the video and the high resolution
5 photograph onto the remote device.

1   11.   [Currently Amended] An apparatus for acquiring remote high
2 resolution photographs by a user using a streaming video as a view-finder,
3 comprising:
4   one or more photo-video acquisition devices capable of acquiring videos
5 and high resolution photographs;
6   a network linked to the one or more photo-video acquisition devices;
7   a remote device capable of logging onto the one or more photo-video
8 acquisition devices through the network and acquiring the high resolution

9 photographs, using videos streamed from the one or more photo-video

10 acquisition devices as a view-finder; and

11 wherein the photo-video acquisition devices are remote video cameras

12 ~~configured to acquire the videos and high-resolution photographs of a live-scene~~

13 ~~as originally viewed in real time for the first time by the remote video cameras~~

14 ~~and the high-resolution photographs have a resolution greater than a resolution~~

15 ~~of the video.~~

1 12. [Original] The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the user can control

2 the one or more photo-video acquisition devices from the remote device through

3 the network or other communication channels.

1 13. [Original] The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the one or more

2 photo-video acquisition devices include a queue system that allows multiple

3 users to control the one or more photo-video acquisition devices.

1 14. [Original] The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the network includes

2 a storage on a network server to store the videos and the high resolution

3 photographs.

1 15. [Original] The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the videos and the

2 high resolution photographs are posted on a web page.

Claims 16-21 are canceled.

1 22. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 communicating a command from the user to the camera; and

3 altering an operation the camera with respect to the generation of the

4 video responsive to the command.

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1   23.   [Previously Presented]   The method of claim 22, wherein the

2 communicating the command comprises communicating using a communications

3 channel different than a pipeline configured to communicate the video and high

4 resolution photograph.

1   24.   Canceled.

1   25.   Canceled.

1   26.   [Previously Presented]   A method for acquiring remote high

2 resolution photographs by a user using a streaming video as a view-finder,

3 comprising:

4   connecting a remote device to one or more photo-video acquisition

5 devices individually comprising a camera, wherein the remote device is

6 controlled by the user;

7   using a connected one of the cameras, generating a video of a scene

8 viewed using the respective camera;

9   acquiring a high resolution photograph using the video streamed from the

10 one or more photo-video acquisition devices as a view-finder;

11   processing and transmitting the video and the high resolution photograph

12 obtained from the one or more photo-video acquisition devices;

13   communicating a command from the user to the camera; and

14   altering an operation the camera with respect to the generation of the

15 video responsive to the command.

1   27.   [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, further comprising

2 storing the video and the high resolution photograph for a first time after the

3 generating and the transmitting.

1   28.   Canceled.

1   29.   [Previously Presented]   The apparatus of claim 11, further

2 comprising a server coupled with the network and configured to host a web

3 page, wherein the server is configured to post the videos and high resolution

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4 photographs generated using data acquired by the one or more photo-video
5 acquisition devices and to download the videos and high resolution photographs
6 to the remote device responsive to a command received from the remote device.

1   30.   [Previously Presented] A method for a user to acquire remote high
2 resolution photographs using a streaming video as a view-finder, comprising:
3   logging onto one or more photo-video acquisition devices from a remote
4 device through a network;
5   generating video using one or more of the photo-video acquisition devices
6 comprising cameras;
7   acquiring a high resolution photograph using the video streamed from the
8 one or more photo-video acquisition devices as a view-finder; and
9   receiving the high resolution photograph from the network.

1   31.   [Previously Presented]   The method of claim 30, further
2 comprising:
3   selecting a photo-video acquisition device from the one or more photo-
4 video acquisition devices for acquiring the high resolution photograph;
5   submitting payment information to control the selected photo-video
6 acquisition device through the network; and
7   controlling the selected photo-video acquisition device from the remote
8 device through the network.

1   32.   [Previously Presented]   The method of claim 30, further
2 comprising:
3   storing the high resolution photograph in a local storage; and
4   printing the high resolution photograph on a printer at home.

1   33.   [Previously Presented] The method of claim 30, further comprising
2 receiving the video from the network at home.

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1   34.   [Previously Presented]   An image data communication method
2   comprising:
3   providing a remotely located camera;
4   capturing live video data of a scene using the camera;
5   coupling a remote device with the camera using a network;
6   communicating captured live video data from the camera to the remote
7   device using the network, wherein the captured live video data has a first
8   resolution;
9   outputting a first command from the remote device;
10   altering the capturing of the live video data of the scene using the camera
11   responsive to the first command;
12   outputting a second command from the remote device;
13   providing still image data using the captured live video data responsive to
14   the second command, wherein the still image data has a second resolution
15   greater than the first resolution; and
16   communicating the still image data to the remote device.

1   35.   [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, wherein the high
2   resolution photograph has a resolution greater than a resolution of the video.

1   36.   [Previously Presented]   The method of claim 23, wherein the
2   communications channel and the pipeline comprise different physical media
3   configured to communicate electrical signals in parallel.

1   37.   [Previously Presented]   The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the
2   high resolution photographs individually have a resolution greater than a
3   resolution of a respective one of the videos.

1   38.   [Previously Presented]   The method of claim 26, wherein the
2   acquiring comprises acquiring during the generating of the video comprising
3   original generation of the video of the scene for the first time.

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1   39.   [Previously Presented] The method of claim 26, wherein the high
2   resolution photograph has a resolution greater than a resolution of the video.

1   40.   [Previously Presented] The method of claim 26, wherein the
2   processing and transmitting comprise processing and transmitting the video and
3   the high resolution photograph in parallel.

1   41.   [Currently Amended] The method of claim [[26]] 30, wherein the
2   acquiring comprises acquiring during the generating of the video comprising
3   original generation of the video of the scene for the first time.

1   42.   [Previously Presented] The method of claim 30, wherein the high
2   resolution photograph has a resolution greater than a resolution of the video.

1   43.   [Previously Presented] The method of claim 34, wherein the
2   providing the still image data comprises providing the still image data during the
3   capturing of the live video data comprising original generation of the live video
4   data of the scene for the first time.

1   44.   [New] The method of claim 1, wherein the acquiring comprises
2   acquiring during the generating the video comprising originally capturing the
3   video of the scene as viewed in real time using the respective camera.

1   45.   [New] The method of claim 36, wherein the different physical
2   media of the communications channel and the pipeline are configured to
3   simultaneously communicate different respective electrical signals.

1   46.   [New] The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the one or more photo-
2   video acquisition devices individually comprise a remote video camera configured
3   to acquire the videos and high resolution photographs of a live scene as
4   originally viewed in real time for the first time by the respective remote video
5   camera, and wherein the high resolution photographs have a resolution greater
6   than a resolution of the video.

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1   47.   [New]   The apparatus of claim 46, wherein the remote video
2 cameras are individually configured to acquire the high resolution photographs
3 during the generation of the video of the live scene.

1   48.   [New]   The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the remote device is
2 configured to acquire the high resolution photographs prior to storage of the
3 videos used to acquire the high resolution photographs.

1   49.   [New]   The method of claim 34, wherein the providing the still
2 image data comprises providing the still image data prior to storage of the live
3 video data.

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